

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-11, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system for processing, by mutual agreement between users with computer terminals, orders to buy and sell relating to standard and/or specific financial instruments; said system being such that it includes at least one server centre including:

- collection and storage means to collect, in real or pseudo-real time, orders to buy and sell placed by users,
- computer processing means to compile and aggregate by price orders subject to terms of validity;

said computer processing means comprising management means to manage said terms by only taking into account valid orders,

in such a way that an optimised and homogeneous offer is thus obtained,

said server centre being connected via an [[IT]] Information Technology communication network, ~~particularly of the Internet type~~, to said computer terminals,

~~in such a way that~~ to permit the users to receive the orders and data sent by the server centre;

the computer processing means of said server centre including analysis means to match compatible orders, [[and]] indicate that a transaction may occur between users ~~placing the relevant~~ having placed said compatible orders, and automatically generate a transaction.

2. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~such that~~ wherein, to match the compatible orders and indicate that a transaction may occur between users placing the relevant orders, said analysis means comprise selection means to select users who are able to negotiate between themselves and/or who are only able to negotiate certain instruments and/or who are only able to negotiate deals of a certain amount.

3. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1, ~~such that~~ wherein said computer processing means process the orders and associated financial instruments

- by managing
- * the terms of existence of said orders, particularly including terms expressed in relation to internal and/or external conditions, ~~for example the value of the CAC index~~, and/or
- * ~~[[the]]~~ parameters of said orders, particularly including parameters expressed as a function of internal and/or external ~~parameters~~ conditions or parameters of other orders, ~~for example the price as a function of the date~~, and/or
- by batching the orders and by placing batched orders, and/or
- by seeking synthetic financial instruments to facilitate ~~the conclusion~~ fulfillment of the orders placed, and/or
- by seeking synthetic financial instruments to allow a designated group of users to negotiate a maximum number of orders with at least one other user.

4. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~such that~~ wherein said analysis means to match compatible orders and indicate that a transaction may occur include transmission means, particularly by fax, by e-mail or by telex, to confirm the transaction to each of the users concerned.

5. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1 ~~such that~~ wherein the collection means comprise an Internet browser.

6. (Currently amended) A process for processing, by mutual agreement, between users having computer terminals, orders to buy and sell relating to standard and/or specific financial instruments; said process including the following stages:

- collecting the orders to buy and sell placed by users ~~are collected~~ in real or pseudo-real time[[.]];
- managing terms of validity associated with the orders ~~are subject to terms of validity are compiled and aggregated~~ compiling and aggregating the orders by price, by managing said terms in such a way that only valid order orders are taken into account
- allocating the orders ~~are allocated~~ to the users,
- matching the orders ~~are matched~~ when they are compatible,
- automatically generating a transaction when two orders have been matched ~~a transaction is made.~~

7. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 6 ~~such that to match~~ wherein matching the orders comprises:

- selecting users ~~are selected~~ who are able to negotiate between themselves and/or who are only able to negotiate certain instruments and/or who are only able to negotiate deals of a certain amount.

8. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 6 additionally comprising the stage of processing the orders and the associated financial instruments

- by managing
- * the terms of existence of the order, particularly including terms expressed in relation to internal and/or external conditions, ~~for example the value of the CAC index~~, and/or
- * [[the]] parameters of the order, particularly including parameters expressed as a function of internal and/or external parameters conditions or parameters of other orders, ~~for example the price as a function of the date~~, and/or
- by batching the orders and by placing batched orders, and/or

- by seeking synthetic financial instruments to facilitate ~~the conclusion~~ fulfillment of the orders placed, and/or
- by seeking synthetic financial instruments to allow a designated group of users to negotiate a maximum number of orders with at least one other user.

9. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 6 ~~such that to make~~ wherein making a transaction when two orders have been matched comprises:

- triggering an automatic procedure ~~is triggered~~ sending confirmations, particularly by fax, e-mail or telex, to each of the users concerned.

10. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 6 ~~such that~~ wherein collecting the orders to but and sell placed by users to collect in real-time or pseudo-real time ~~orders to buy and sell placed by users;~~ comprises use of an Internet browser

~~an Internet browser is used.~~

11. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 1; said system being ~~more particularly intended~~ configured to collect all the interests of the traders of ~~[[the]]~~ a plurality of banks; said system ~~being such that~~ having said server centres associated with each bank ~~[[are]]~~ interconnected via an ~~[[IT]]~~ Information Technology communication network.